

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 51–84 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1–6, 8–23, and 38–49 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 51–84 have been added. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Telephonic Interview

The Applicants thank the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview with the Applicants' representative on December 6, 2010. During the interview, no decision was reached.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 3 and 40 as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

These claims have been canceled rendering their objection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 1–6, 8–23, and 38–49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

These claims have been canceled rendering their rejection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §101

Claims 1–6 and 8–23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

These claims have been canceled rendering their rejection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 1–6, 8–23, and 38–49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0009740 to Lan in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,765,138 to Aycock et al. (hereinafter “Aycock”).

These claims have been canceled rendering their rejection moot.

Conclusion

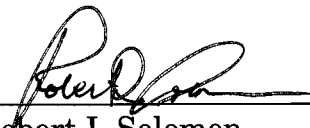
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner’s convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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